The terms of reference of the Committee are as under :—

(a) The status of the current usage of agricultural machinery in the states, problems in adoption of improved implements and mak.e recommendation for making more efficient and economic use of the same;

(b) The status of agricultural engineering input with regard to usage of grotind water conservation of soil, soil moisture and soil fertility and measures to "farther 'imprve the engineering input on these aspects;

(c) The status of utilisation of the renewable resources of energy such as biogas, bioaiass, solar energy and animal energy etc in agricultural and rural sector;

(d) Manufacture and supply position of agricultural implements, constraints etc;

(e) Incentives given to the farmers procurement of farm equipment and other devices;

(f) Impact of mechanisation on produetivity, rural income and Neinploy-ment; and ,

(g) Status of development of labour saving devices for farm women.

Drought In Uttar Pradesh

2083. OR. NAUNHlAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased- to state:

(a) whetner it is a fact that a drought like condition prevailed in more than half of the 63 districts in Uttar Pra desh due to scanty rainfall in July this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the worst-hit districts were in the Central and Eastern parts of the Stete;
Central and Eastern parts of the State;

(d) if so details thereof; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to cope up with the situa-tion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NET AM): (a) and (b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh had declared 40 districts as drought affected These districts had received a commu-lative rainfall of less than 60 per ceni of the normal rainfall in the month of July and upto 15th August. 1993.

(c) and (d) The Worst affected districts were Lucknow Hardoi, Raebareilly Kfc-npurdehat and Unnao in central Uttai Pradesn and Sultanpur, Mirzapiir, Vara nasi, Allahabad, Pratapgarh, Fatehpur anc Sonbhadra in eastern Uttar Pradesh.

(e) The steps taken by the Govern ment of Uttar Pradesh to cope up wit! the situation included the following:—

(1) Suspension of realisation of lane revenue, irrigation dues etc., til 31st October, 1993;

(2) Creation of 296.69 lakn manday: at a cost of Rs. 118.01 crores under employment generation programmes;

(3) Installation of handpumps and provision of maximum irrigation facilities to standing crops.

(4) Ensuring availability of essentia commodities and diesel through Public Distribution System.

(5) Ensuring availability of , Fodde and drinking water facilities to cattle and prevention of cattle diseases;

(6) Distribution of free ration an< dhoties to destitutes;

(7) Distribution of gratuitous relie and distress taqavi in critical areas

Help sought by Chief Minister Maharashtra for Earthquake rslief

2084. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMV

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